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21 August 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Approval of Access to Classified Information

REFERENCES : (a) Executive Order 11652, Section 12
(b) [redacted]

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1. [redacted] a retired Army officer who served during World War II with the Office of Strategic Services in China and French Indochina, has applied for access to classified OSS records now in the custody of the Agency. It is his intention to conduct research into the official role of the United States in French Indochina during 1945 and to eventually publish a book on this topic.

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2. Following exploratory discussions with the Special Assistant for Information Control and Agency officials in charge of the Strategic Services Unit, [redacted] submitted a formal application for access to national security information and material for historical research purposes. In addition, he signed an agreement obligating him to safeguard the classified information to which he is given access and requiring that he submit both his research notes and the manuscript for security review. A security check will be conducted by the Office of Security.

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3. Provision is made for access by historical researchers to classified records in both Executive Order 11652 and the implementing Agency regulation [redacted]. Access is to be granted provided that such action is clearly consistent with the interests of national security and that certain security conditions are observed. Executive Order 11652 specifies that approval of access should be by the head of the originating Department; [redacted] delegated approval authority to the former office of the Executive Director.

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4. It is recommended that request for access to classified information be approved, subject to affirmative results from the security check, for a period not to exceed two years.

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Special Assistant for Information Control

APPROVED:

/s/ Vernon A. Walters

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DISAPPROVED:

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